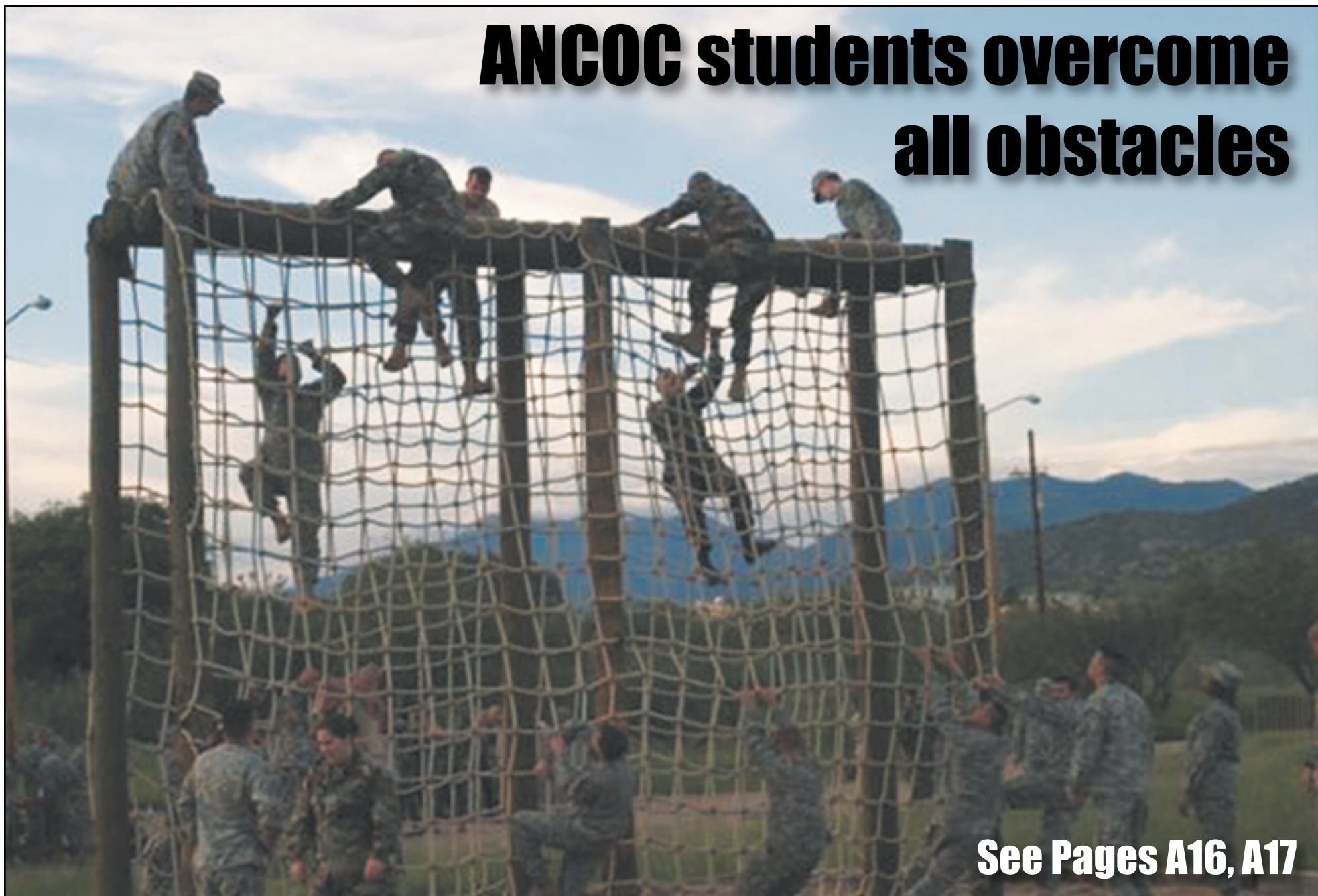


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Silent, invisible — I was there

By Anthony Reed
Scout Staff

With the fifth anniversary commemoration planned worldwide for Sept. 11, there will probably be many words spoken and visual effects to reflect upon.

Silent words and invisible mental portraits are imbedded in my heart and mind in regard to Sept. 11 — not from news accounts or ceremonies. I was there helpless and vulnerable — silent and invisible. I was there.

As a newly promoted master sergeant, I was assigned as the superintendent of the Army's Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, Manhattan, N.Y. a few miles from what is now referred to as "Ground Zero."

On that fateful Tuesday morning, I was headed to what once was the "Twin Towers" for a 9:30 a.m. meeting on the 26th floor of Tower I. I planned on arriv-

ing early to grab a quick bite to eat.

Though blocks away from my destination, I heard a loud 'boom' in the vicinity. I looked in the direction of the sound and noticed black smoke and a huge hole in one of the towers. Because planes often fly close to the towers as they land at nearby LaGuardia Airport, I thought it was simply a terrible accident.

However, minutes later, I watched another plane circle the towers, appear to aim directly at the site, turn sideways, and plow into the other side of the tower. I knew at that moment this was no accident.

Though I was blocks away when the buildings collapsed, debris was scattered miles away. As the jet fuel burst into flames and the towers began to collapse, onlookers ran for their lives. The flames seemed to instantly disintegrate into ash and spread for what seemed like miles of destruction.

There are no words or photos this writer could piece together to describe the destruction I experienced and witnessed Sept. 11, 2001.

I was hit by flying debris and shrapnel. Physical numbness could not compare to the aches and pains of confusion. In the midst of the chaos, I felt

silent and invisible.

When informed the Pentagon was hit, I froze where I stood — numb-

ness increasing rapidly. I was at the Pentagon five days earlier in the very section the other plane crashed into, the Public Affairs area.

Five years later, while I will never forget Sept. 11, I have tried to not let it dominate my being. I've come to realize we only get one chance at this thing called life. People often are encouraged to "live for today." We cannot change yesterday, and no one knows what tomorrow brings. That said, Sept. 11 forever shall be my yesterday, today and tomorrow.

I realize the ceremonies are part of the healing for many. They close a chapter in many people's stories. However, for me, thinking about Sept. 11 opens new chapters that may never end. The countless questions that begin with "Why" continue to trouble my soul. "Why did this hap-

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Scout On The Street — What's the most important thing to do during Force Protection exercises?



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"To be prepared and stay alert to people and the things going on."

"Make sure that you've got your ID card on you at all times so you can be identified."

"To ensure that it is real live training so that in case it does happen, then we are prepared to do it."

"To make sure that you know the proper Force Protection condition level and ensure you are doing the proper procedures."

"Bring a good attitude because it's a necessary thing we've got to do. Be patient because our post authorities are trying to satisfy the regulatory requirements and get us to work on time."

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RWBAHC Pharmacy showcases new services, improved patient safety initiatives

By Carolyn Boardman
Chief, Pharmacy Service

Since occupying its new location on June 19, the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center Pharmacy has implemented several new initiatives that will improve patient and medication safety.

The new pharmacy, which offers up to four service windows for new prescriptions, and two service windows for refill prescriptions, is now able to use bar-coding technology to scan all prescriptions that are filled and checked. This state-of-the-art hardware and software allows for the exact images of the medications used to fill the prescriptions to be seen on a screen. This virtually eliminates medication filling errors for both pharmacists and technicians, ultimately creating the safest environment possible for patients.

This technology does, however, result in some

increase in transaction time. As the staff has become more familiar with the required processes, the wait times have decreased and will continue to decrease.

Other improvements include a staffed concierge desk, where trained personnel are available to answer or refer patients to the appropriate RWBAHC team member on pharmacy and health-center related questions, such as where certain services are located within the facility. The concierge also assists the patient in selecting the proper ticket category to avoid having a patient wait in line for the wrong window. A private counseling and teaching room has also been added to allow patients requiring additional training or medication explanations to be taught in a comfortable sit-down setting, while the main filling windows continue to serve patients.

The final major phase of the pharmacy renovation will occur mid-September, when the pharmacy receives its new robotic technology to increase the

filling capacity of the refill side of the pharmacy. This robot will increase refill filling speed and allow pharmacy technicians currently involved in filling refills to have more direct patient contact on the new and refill areas of the pharmacy.

The RWBAHC Pharmacy is open at the main health center from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays except Thursday, when the pharmacy is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Prescription Refill Pharmacy is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

For fast and convenient prescription service delivered to your house, please try the Tricare National Mail Order Pharmacy. Informational brochures about the TMOP are available throughout the health center, and at the pharmacy and concierge desk.

RWBAHC personnel thank all beneficiaries for their patience and strong support during the pharmacy transformation.

JITC commander dedicates conference room to Hurricane Katrina heroes

By Maj. Valerie Baker, JITC
and Garrett "Red" Wasson, acting chief DCTF, Slidell, La.

In recognition of the bravery, courage, and strength of those working at the Joint Interoperability Test Command in Slidell, La. Air Force Col. Debra Dexter, JITC commanding officer, dedicated the commander's conference room here to the men and women of her Slidell facility during a Fort Huachuca ceremony Aug. 30.

The Joint Interoperability Test Command, part of the Defense Information Systems Agency, began a transformation in August 2005, which led to the DISA Continuity of Operations and Test Facility, a field office in Slidell, La., becoming a part of the JITC. During this same time, JITC also welcomed Dexter as its new commanding officer.

On Aug. 28, 2005, DISA's Slidell office activated its Crisis Response Team in preparation for Hurricane Katrina. During pre- and post-Katrina, the DCTF provided critical front-line support, around the clock, to first responders from the city of Slidell, St. Tammany Parish Sheriff and Fire Departments, the Louisiana State Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Louisiana Army National Guard, the U.S. Marines, and other local and out-of-state first responders.

On Aug. 29, 2005, the Slidell facility sustained minor damage while the surrounding area was almost completely destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. JITC employees here at Fort Huachuca and fellow JITC employees located at Indian Head, Md. rushed to support personnel and their families working in Slidell. The first action taken by Dexter in her new command was to activate a 24-hour operations cell to handle all aspects of disaster coordination and relief for the field office in Slidell.

In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the Slidell facility was essentially isolated and without outside communications. The Slidell staff, augmented by family members and volunteers, provided a secure shelter site for first responders. Under Dexter's direction, JITC organized an initial rapid deployment team of four employees and sent them to assess the damage and start immediate assistance.

A second team with communications packages was deployed later, followed

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Photo by Rob Martinez

Units help beautify post

As heavy rain has accelerated the growth of foliage around Fort Huachuca, many units have taken advantage of the dry parts of the day to cut grass and weeds. Pvt. Jamie Olmstead of the 18th Military Police Detachment helps with his unit's beautification effort.

Bowe named top instructor

Story and photo by Thom Williams
Scout Staff

Staff Sgt. Nicholas Bowe, 26, Company B, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion an instructor/writer at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center has been named the best instructor on Fort Huachuca for the third quarter of the year.

Bowe is a 97E, Human Intelligence Collector from San Jon, N.M., a small village in the eastern part of the state with a population of about 300.

He instructs the interrogation portion of the HUMINT Collectors course.

Bowe has spent eight years in the U.S. Army beginning with basic training at Fort Leonard Wood Mo. in 1998. He then attended the Defense Language Institute, in Monterey, Calif. where he learned to speak Persian-Farsi.

Bowe graduated from the USAIC and joined his first permanent party unit at Fort McPherson, Ga. with the Third U.S. Army.

While at his first duty station, Bowe was sent on temporary duty and performed civil affairs missions as a linguist in Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and other countries throughout the Middle East.

After Sept. 11, 2001 the team deployed to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom.

Following a break in the U.S., Bowe deployed to Kuwait in preparation for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Bowe

then spent nine months in Iraq after the initial invasion.

He made a permanent change of station to the 202nd MI Bn, 513th MI Bde, Fort Gordon, Ga. and deployed back to Iraq for another year, where he worked with a Special Forces task force and at Abu Ghraib prison.

Bowe was then sent to Fort Huachuca and has served as an instructor for the past year.

"I try to bring as much experience that I have to the table and let them know exactly how it's going to be down range," Bowe said.

He went on to say that he feels he's doing a very important job.

"We just got told that within 20 or 30 days of leaving this course, the Soldiers are going to be deployed down range so we have to prepare them the best we can," he said.

He said the favorite perk that he receives for winning the competition is having his name removed from the company duty roster for a year.

During the competition, Bowe went up against other military and civilian instructors within the U.S. Army Intelligence Center.

He will go on to compete in the Post Instructor of the Year competition.

Bowe wears the Army's Combat Action Badge, earned during his first tour in OIF while performing his duties with a Civil Affairs team.

"In the first part of Iraq I was up with the invasion force on the team and we were under fire. It was quite



Staff Sgt. Nicholas Bowe, Company B, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, speaks with students who are studying to be HUMINT Collectors.

a few instances as we were running around Baghdad quite a bit."

He also wears the unit patch of the 202nd MI Bn on his right shoulder signifying he's been in a combat zone with the unit.

"He's a good guy to work with actually," said Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Blevens, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Interrogations Branch.

"You give him a task and he's all over it."

Bowe has been married for almost four years. He and his wife Kacy have a son Brenden, who is six weeks old.

His interests outside of work are spending time with his family. He enjoys building and shooting guns and riding his motorcycle.

Audie Murphy Club welcomes nine

Scout Staff

Initially rejected by the Marines and paratroopers because of his small physical stature, Audie Murphy was a giant in the U.S. Army. He spent more than 400 days on the front lines and earned 33 military awards, citations and decorations. He was the most highly decorated and greatest combat Soldier in American history.

"Audie Murphy is synonymous with NCO excellence," said Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Toor, vice president of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club here. "The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club recognizes the most outstanding NCOs [noncommissioned officers] in the Army."

Nine Soldiers will be inducted into the Audie Murphy Club tomorrow.

Sgt. 1st Class Marc Davis joined the Army in July of 1987. He is assigned to the Noncommissioned Officers Academy where he held the position of Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course instructor and Stand Alone Common Core chief instructor. Davis has recently reclassified, completing the Military Intelligence Analyst course. He has been deployed to Panama, Haiti, Kosovo,

and Kuwait.

Sgt. 1st Class Glenn Driver Jr. joined the Army in 1994. He is currently assigned to Company E, 305th Military Bn. as the Battalion S-3 Noncommissioned Officer In Charge where he is responsible for training, graduations, schools, and taskings for the battalion. He has deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Sgt. 1st Class Fabrienne Jones joined the Army in 1989. She is currently assigned to the NCOA where she is an ANCOC instructor. She is responsible for mentoring, training, and leading senior non commissioned officers through a six-week, four-day course. She has been deployed to Bosnia and Kosovo.

Staff Sgt. Robert Johnson joined the Army in 1994. He is presently assigned to Company B 305th MI Bn. where he is an instructor for the Military Intelligence Systems (33 W) course. He teaches the subjects of electronics math, direct current and alternating current. He has been deployed to Iraq and Kuwait with the 3rd Infantry Division during Operation Desert 2 and Operation Iraqi Freedom 1.

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Commissaries encourage quality time through family dinners at home

By Bonnie Powell
DECA release

"Family Day" is Sept. 25 and it involves the favorite sport of most Americans – eating. It's also an opportunity for a military family to win a dinner cooked by a renowned chef from the Food Network. But, "Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children" is about more than just dinner.

"Research shows that something as simple as having family meals is an important part of decreasing the likelihood of substance abuse in children," said Patrick Nixon, director of the Defense Commissary Agency. "It indicates the importance of parental involvement in the lives of their children. We're excited about getting involved in 'Family Day' as an extension of our 'It's Your Choice, Make it Healthy' program."

The Coca-Cola Company, national sponsor of "Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children" is helping to increase awareness, and show support of military families, by sponsoring a special event for commissary shoppers. "A military family will have a chance to win a dinner cooked by Sandra Lee, host of the popular Food Network show 'Semi-Homemade Cooking,'" said Douglas McAlister, director of the Coca-Cola worldwide military sales team. The contest will be worldwide and additional prizes of Sandra Lee's new cookbook "Semi-HomeMade Grilling" will also be up for grabs.

The "Family Day" initiative has had the support of President Bush

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Another 12 Signal Soldiers deploy

11th Signal Brigade reports

The 11th Signal Brigade hosted a farewell ceremony Aug. 31 for the last dozen departing later this month. These 12 Soldiers will join the deployed troops from the 86th Signal Battalion, which deployed 350 Soldiers in three groups throughout the month of August.

Approximately 350 Soldiers from the 86th Signal Battalion have deployed to Southwest Asia throughout the month of August. Twelve more joined this battalion after deployment on Aug. 31, following a ceremony at Eiffler Physical Fitness Center.

"Before you stands the rear guard of the 86th Signal Battalion," said Col. John Hildebrand, 11th Signal Brigade commander. "We're here today to wish them the best of luck ... and God's speed. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank their families for their support and the sacrifices they make and will continue to make throughout this year."

In congruence with Col. Hildebrand's comments, Col. MaryBeth Shively, Net-

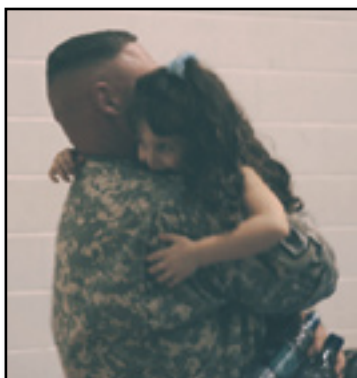
work Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command chief of staff, added, "We appreciate what you are doing ... what you are doing is so important to all of us. Your families are also important and are deserving of gratitude for the hard work they do and are about to do. It is much more difficult at times to be the one who stays behind instead of the one who is going. Thank you to all of you for what you do."

Some of the Soldiers' family members nodded in acknowledgement. Like several Soldiers who deployed with the 86th Signal Battalion, some of these Soldiers have already deployed numerous times.

These 12 Soldiers will support the mission of replacing the 440th Signal Battalion, and assume the responsibilities of operating and maintaining a Joint Coalition Computer, Communications, Command and Control network in

support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. They will be responsible for providing services like computer helpdesks, secure and

non-secure internet, satellite transmissions, phone capabilities, and Ethernet cable/copper phone wire/fiber optic cable installations.



(Left) Staff Sgt. David McDermott, Company C 86th Signal Battalion Cable and Wire Installer, cuddles his 4-year-old daughter, Hannah. (Below, from left) 11th Sig Bde Commander, Col. John Hildebrand, his wife, Paula; Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command Chief of Staff, Col. MaryBeth Shively; and NETCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Donna Harbolt bow their heads in prayer for the deploying Soldiers (right) as the 11th Signal Brigade Soldiers pray in the bleachers.



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Fort executes antiterrorism/force protection exercise

Story and photo by Rob Martinez
Scout Staff

Fort Huachuca and organizations in Sierra Vista conducted a force protection exercise Aug. 28–31 on post and at the Sierra Vista Regional Health Center. Bill Ivory, installation operation security officer, explained that every installation must conduct this training at least once a year, so people who work on the installation and the first responders know the plan on how to deal with actual incidents such as terrorist attacks or criminal activities.

“The Exercise validates that we have a plan that works,” said, Col. Jonathan Hunter, garrison commander.

The exercises culminated with the delivery of an explosive device with a chemical agent to the Directorate of Public Works here. Nine Soldiers volunteered to role play as casualties with various degrees of injuries, and were sprawled outside the building, waiting for help.

“The only way you can ensure



your troops are ready and see if the organizations can work with each other is to actually go out and do it,” said Fort Huachuca Provost Marshal Maj. Norby Ewing.

Craig Harris, incident commander, Sierra Vista Regional Health Center, said the exercise was educational and afforded the opportunity to seek new ways to improve, and he welcomes the

During the antiterrorism/force protection exercise Aug. 31, Francesca Marsh, Emergency Department technician (left), Joey Hoskins, Brittany Young, and Kari Leslie, admissions associates for Client Services, prepare a casualty who has just exited the decontamination tent for entry into the emergency department at the Sierra Vista Regional Health Center.

collaboration with the Fort. “We value the opportunity to participate in exercises ... and look forward to continuing our participation in drills for the benefit of our community,” he said.

Chaplain (Capt.) Tim Reynolds of the Main Post Chapel was on the scene to help with crisis management. “It’s a drill that reminds us that casualties happen and situations can be devastating. We need to be prepared, both in military preparations and all aspects of life,” he said. “I tell Soldiers it’s important because we never know when an accident or a situation can happen.”

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by a third team bringing donated items and more support equipment.

Everyone pitched in, converting office cubicles and other space into sleeping areas, housing up to 450 people per night. Using outdoor grills and whatever utensils, pans, and ingredients that could be scrounged, the Slidell facility staff prepared and served more than 2,200 meals daily.

The arrival of JITC personnel with needed supplies and communications equipment and the restoration of city water facilitated the expansion of the Slidell facility's support operations so they could provide rudimentary shower facilities, laundry services, immunizations, and other critical services essential to the rescue and recovery missions and other humanitarian support operations.

As Slidell employees began returning, they assisted other employees and first responders in cutting fallen trees from homes, yards and other areas as well as clear-

ing flood debris from homes. Without assistance, the debris removal projects would have taken many months.

In addition to support operations, DISA personnel arranged for security and distribution of state food assistance, FEMA counseling, and Red Cross benefits to more than 3,000 victims for a total funds distribution exceeding \$3 million.

Throughout the tumultuous first weeks after the storm, the Slidell facility became the local rescue haven for the surrounding city of Slidell. Most of the employees of this facility had homes destroyed by the storm and, as the water receded, the facility became an evacuation shelter for more 300 people including employees and their families, first responders, and law enforcement agencies, as well as others needing shelter. The men and women who worked at the Slidell facility can be considered heroes. Despite personal challenges and loss, these employees helped distribute relief supplies, cooked meals and provided encouragement to others in the facility.

More than 20 people who assisted with various

aspects of the relief effort attended the conference room dedication here. Diann McCoy, DISA Component Acquisition Executive, spoke about the courage, strength and undaunting spirit she witnessed first hand in the members so stricken by the hurricane and its aftermath.

The guests of honor were two former Slidell employees now working here at JITC. Five more Slidell employees will soon join them, when the Slidell facility closes as part of the Base Realignment and Closure.

Former Slidell employee and hurricane survivor, Daryl Kling said, "I would only like to pass on how thankful we were for all the essentials that showed up. I'm still not too sure about what came from where but the toothpaste, shampoo, razors, soap, etc. were a Godsend.

"Above and beyond all those things were the diapers. When that truck opened up and all I saw was a wall of diapers and baby wipes, I thought I was going to cry, I was so happy."

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Official 'blood' hound encourages donors

Story and photos by Anthony Reed

Scout Staff

He commands respect and attention whenever he enters a room. People "hurry up and wait" to greet him. Col. Winston Barker has a keen way of putting Soldiers of all ranks at ease.

His job title says he is an American Red Cross Volunteer. To Soldiers here, he is the official "blood" hound for the organization's monthly blood drive.

Barker, or Winston to his close friends, is a bloodhound serving as the unofficial mascot in support of the post's mission to keep the Army's blood supply full. He was present at the blood drive here at Eiffler Physical Fitness Center Aug. 29.

The 4-year-old charmer has served in his present capacity since September 2002.

"This is his second tour at Fort Huachuca," said Cherie Riehle, who serves in "the hardest job in the Army" as a military wife. She is the only member of Winston's household who outranks him. Her husband, Lt. Col. Edward Riehle, is the commander of the 304th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Cherie Riehle said Winston was a natural for his present position.

"The Red Cross handed out an award to the unit that donated the most blood," she explained.

"It was called the Bloodhound Award. Winston, being a bloodhound himself, was asked to come and hang out with donors before and after they donated blood."

Here at Fort Huachuca, Winston's job serves a dual purpose. As mascot, he is good for the morale of those who may be a bit squeamish. He also helps with reducing the anxiety of Soldiers missing their loved ones at home.

"Winston enjoys all the attention he receives," Riehle said. "But I think the (Military Intelligence) students here who have been away from home — especially those gone for the first time — enjoy him the most. We get to hear stories of their dogs back home and how much they miss them."

Pvt. Stephanie Boudreaux of Company F, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion was instantly drawn to the colonel. "He is so sweet," she said as she rubbed the hound's ears. "I have a Labrador back home, and seeing him makes me miss my dog even more."

Cherie Riehle said Winston's mission is vital.

"It's important to give blood because

our Soldiers need it. They are all members of our family. Also, many don't realize how limited the pool of military donors is due to deployments overseas. Anyone who can, should donate blood regularly."

The Riehle family is unable to donate this time due to a recent tour in Germany. But Winston's presence ensures the Riehle family makes a great contribution to the effort.

"Plus, he looks good in a t-shirt."



The official nametag for the Official Blood Hound.



(Above) Pvt. Stephanie Boudreaux of Company F, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion is instantly drawn to the Col. Winston Barker, the official Blood Hound for the post's monthly blood drive. Left Spc. Samantha Robinson, Company F, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, shows Col. Winston Barker some love at the recent Blood Drive at Eiffler Fitness Center here.

Fort Huachuca commemorates Women's Equality Day

By Rob Martinez
Scout Staff

In the United States, Aug. 26 is designated as Women's Equality Day, commemorating the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave U.S. women full voting rights in 1920.

The observance of Women's Equality Day also extols the continuing efforts of women toward full equality.

Fort Huachuca celebrated on Aug. 28, in Greely Hall Auditorium, with speeches, poetry, displays, and a reenactment of what it may have been like for men and women who worked to advance the Woman's Suffrage Movement. Prominent female leaders on the Fort took part in the commemoration.

In her speech, Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center & Fort Huachuca, elaborated on the struggles women have faced and the significance of voting in general. She stated that lately, men and women alike have taken the right to vote for granted, with almost half of the qualified voters not bothering to vote. "In other nations in the world where democracy is fledging, you see about 80 percent voting, and we're around the 50-percent mark. It just tells me that we forgot things that we've struggled for in the past to make this the great nation that it is," she said.

Sgt 1st Class Anissa Jones, 11th Signal Brigade Equal Opportunity advisor, said that she was compelled to don the type of clothes worn during the progressive Era — the late 1800s — and take part in the day's activities

because they fit in with the concepts of her current job.

Guest speaker Command Sgt. Major Harbolt, U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command, touched on the importance of women taking on higher aspirations than what was accepted in the past, and specifically, the role of women in the Military.

"I think the Army offers great opportunities for women. There are still limitations for women in the combat arms fields, but I think in time, they too will be open. I am pleased with the progress the Army has made in allowing women to

succeed and I do not feel that my career has been hindered in any way because I am a female. I think anyone can be successful in the Army. The Army is truly an equal opportunity organization," she said.



Photo by Eric Hortin

(Left) During the Women's Equality Day celebration, a women's suffrage advocate announces that the 19th amendment, which gave U.S. women full voting rights, was passed. (Right) Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center & Fort Huachuca, gives Command Sgt. Major Donna Harbolt, U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command, a certificate of appreciation for being the guest speaker during the Women's Equality Day celebration at Greely Hall Auditorium.



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Direct Select OCS Board planned

The next Installation Direct Select Officer Candidate School Board will be held Sept. 19-21. All packets are due to the personnel actions office no later than Monday. All interested Soldiers need to see their S-1 (personnel, adjutant and administrative section) for information on the application process and to set up an appointment with the actions section.

Toyland grand opening set

The grand opening of Toyland is Sept. 16. Specials will be announced soon. Look for fliers at the Main Exchange and Shoppettes soon.

Fall pet show set for Saturday

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is bringing a fall pet show to the main store. Showings start at 9 a.m. on Saturday and the Minnesota Viking Cheerleaders will be making a stop. Participants need to be registered and present one hour before the scheduled show time. Every animal can register for two categories. Puppies are excluded from the weight category.

For more information and to register stop by the main exchange now through Friday.

POW-MIA Recognition Day

The Southern Arizona Veterans Affairs Health Care System and Davis-Montham Air Force Base will pay tribute to all former American prisoners of war and missing in action family members who reside

in Ariz. at 10 a.m., Sept. 15 in the R.E. Lindsey Jr. Auditorium, Building 4 at the VA Medical Center, 3601 S. 6th Ave., Tucson, Ariz.

The program is open to the public and free. For information, contact Pepe’ Mendoza at 520-629-1819 or the Voluntary Service Office at 520-629-1822.

Housing area utility project underway

Construction to relocate overhead power and communication lines underground in Cavalry Park 5 Housing Area is underway. This construction is necessary to install the conduit for electric, communication lines, and Cox and Qwest services in this area. The project is underway along Grierson Road near the Museum Annex. Construction is expected to take approximately 120 days, initially affecting houses on Mills and Dove. Access to Mizner (at Winrow) will be restricted during the installation of the conduit across Mizner.

Directorate of Public Works personnel apologize for any inconvenience construction activities may cause. For safety reasons, residents and visitors should limit use of the roads in the affected area.

Installation EO Office seeks support

The Military Equal Opportunity Office is still looking for support of the Hispanic Heritage event and festival taking place from 12 -3 p.m. at the Post Exchange on Sept 15. This is a co-sponsored event with the Army Air Force Exchange Service, which will have a sidewalk sale and grand opening at Toy Land. EO’s part consists of setting up and operating children’s games, dancers and displays.

EO needs individuals to help set up and operate games and serve food.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Kirby Olson at 533-5305.

LEPC meets

The Cochise County Local Emergency Planning Committee’s regular monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 pm Sept. 15 in the Science Building, Room 200 at Cochise College, 901 Colombo Street, in Sierra Vista.

The public is invited to attend. For information

call Mike Evans at 432-9550.

Commissary case-lot sale planned

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will have a case-lot sale Sept. 22-24 during regular store hours. At case lot sales, patrons can buy bulk quantities of their favorite products and save up to 50 percent; even more than the 30 percent or more they normally save by shopping the commissary.

Some of the featured items in the sale are: paper goods, canned goods, cleaning supplies, health and beauty items, and more. There will also be a large assortment of club pack products at reduced prices.

Hatfield St. lane closure set

The right hand lane of east bound traffic on Hatfield St., from Burns to Cushing Streets, will be closed from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. for paving operations on Rucker to the intersection at Hatfield from Sept. 14 through Sept. 15.

For information, call Bob Ramirez at 533-5698 or Joe Sears at 533-9983.

MCCW holds Fall Retreat

The Military Council of Catholic Women will hold a Fall Retreat tomorrow from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, in the Main Post Chapel. Women of all denominations are welcome. The topic for the retreat is “Taking Care of Ourselves and Our Families.”

The group will start praying the Rosary at 9 a.m., and then move to the activity room for the program. Lunch is provided and watch-care is available for children 5 and under. Please bring a sack lunch for your child. For information, contact Karen Harper at 458-5983.

Leave donations sought

The following Department of the Army civilians on Fort Huachuca are currently on the Leave Donor Program and need leave donations: Joseph Barnhardt, USAISEC; Alicia Doyle, WCPOC; Linda Haldorson, MEDDAC; Pamela Hastings, CA/ITEC-4; Shirley Michaud, DOIM; Lora Otero, CSLA; Patricia Paiz, 305th MI Bn; Susan Pester, MEDDAC; Patricia Ryan, CPOC; Scott Van Voorst, FUTURES and Aline Knight, IG.

For additional information regarding the Leave Donor Program or how you can donate annual leave, contact Schenando Nason, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, at 533-5273.

Protestant Sunday Services		Women’s Ministry Bible study		Sunday 9 a.m.		Latter Day Saints Service	
9:00 a.m.	Gospel	1st, 3rd Friday	6 p.m.			Sunday	1 p.m.
9:30 a.m.	Protestant	Bible Study/Choir Practice		Catholic		Youth Ministries	
11 a.m.	Cross Roads	Thursday	6 p.m.	• CCD	Sunday	10:45 a.m.	• Middle school
11 a.m.	Collective Protestant	• Ministerial Staff Training	Tuesday	6 p.m.	• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Friday	3 - 6 p.m.
Roman Catholic Worship		• Men’s Choir Rehearsal	Tuesday	7 p.m.	• MCCW	1st Friday	9 a.m.
Mon.-Fri.		• Youth Fellowship	3rd, 4th Saturdays	8:30 a.m.	Korean		• High school
Mass	11:30 a.m.	• Women’s Choir	2nd Tuesday	7 p.m.	Choir practice	Friday	6:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass	9:15 a.m.	• Youth Church	1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 5th		OCIA	Friday	7 p.m.
Sunday Mass	noon	5th Saturdays	11a.m.	Muslim Prayer		Orthodox Divine Liturgy	
Jewish Worship		• PWOC	Tuesday	9 a.m. & 6 p.m.	Friday	12:15 p.m.	1st & 3rd Sunday
2nd, 4th Friday	7 p.m.						
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From **SILENT**, Page A2

pen?” “Why did we have to lose so many innocent people?” “Why was I spared?”

In my mind I hear silent words, accompanied by invisible photos of memories I will never forget.

There are no words or photos this writer could piece together to describe the destruction I experienced and witnessed Sept. 11, 2001.

I do not need news accounts or third party hearsay. I was there. I still see the buildings lined with photos of missing loved ones, Chelsea Piers, where I often played basketball, being used as a makeshift morgue. I was there. — silent and invisible.

There is much pain from the destruction, many tears for lives lost, guilty feelings for being thankful for living when so many others perished.

The numbing feeling in my soul remains. The mental, spiritual, emotional and physical scars remain, but they are silent and invisible.

There are few positives to take

from this experience. New Yorkers became friendlier. “I love you” and “I miss you” became easier to say worldwide. People seem to have an even greater appreciation for those who serve.

Personally, I try to live a happier life. If Sept. 11 taught me anything, I now realize tomorrow is not promised. Many casualties from Sept. 11 had their plans forever altered because of that tragedy.

On the outside, I may still be the same person — maybe more appreciative. The scars from 11 stitches caused by flying debris and a ruined suit seem like a small price to pay — considering the devastation. Five years later, much deeper are the scars, only they are now silent and invisible.

I was there in New York City Sept. 11, 2001. I will be thankful to be here in Sierra Vista, Sept. 11, 2006.

Many will ponder what they were doing five years ago. I will not.

I was there. Rather than rehash that fateful day, I will try to render my thoughts and feelings ... silent and invisible.

From **DINNER**, Page A4

every year of its celebration and the event originator, The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, signed up more than 1.3 million Americans for Family Day in 2005. Active-duty military, Guard and Reserve, and military retirees and families could increase that figure substantially in 2006.

“We are delighted that the Defense Commissary Agency is partnering with CASA to promote ‘Family Day’ on September 25,” said Joseph A. Califano, Jr., chairman and president of CASA, and former U.S. secretary of health, education and welfare. “By frequently gathering around the dinner table together, military families are defending America’s youth from the ravaging effects of substance abuse. CASA commends the Defense Commissary Agency.”

A special Web page with a link to “pledge” participation in Family Day and information on how to enter for a chance to win a family dinner cooked by Sandra Lee is available on <http://www.commissaries.com> now.

From **TRAINING**, Page A4

Staff Sgt. Tiffany Moore joined the Army in 1998. She is currently assigned to Company A, 305th MI Bn as a drill sergeant. She is responsible for Soldiers training for the Imagery Analyst (96D10) and Common Ground Station Operator (96H10) courses.

Staff Sgt. John Turner II joined the Army in 1997. He is currently assigned to Company A, 305th MI Bn. as a drill sergeant where he oversees the training for Soldiers in the Imagery Analyst (96D10) and Common Ground Station Operator (96H10) courses. He is an Army reservist currently activated in support of OIF.

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Oktoberfest provided food, music, family fun

There was a shortage of lederhosen and steins, but not the 'bier,' food, music, and dancing last weekend at Veterans' Memorial Park. Amid the festivities, which included a carnival and many vendor booths, was the ubiquitous Oktoberfest presence: the Oom-Pah band.

The first Oktoberfest was not intended as a festival, but a public celebration of the wedding of Crown Prince Luitpold I and Princess Theressa of Bavaria, on Oct. 17, 1810. It was held on a large meadow in Munich, and the party featured a horse race, beer, food, music and dancing. Anniversary celebrations continued each year, usually starting in late September and ending in the first week of October.

Oktoberfests have been held in Munich, fairly consistently, for about 200 years. The custom sprouted in America when immigrants from Germany started smaller Oktoberfests in their communities.



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ANCOC students compete in honor platoon

Scout reports

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Evans

Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course students of Class #06-004 participated in one of several platoon competition events Aug. 29 at the obstacle course on Apache Flats here. During the obstacle course competition, the students had to complete two circuits of the course as quickly as possible.

During the obstacle course event, the students had to encourage one another and stay together, according to Sgt. 1st Class Damon Wise, ANCOC small group instructor. A platoon could not move on to the next obstacle until everybody has cleared the current obstacle. Their final time was recorded only after all Soldiers within the platoon had crossed the finish line.

During the six-week, four-day class which ends Sept. 20, platoons will compete in several events to determine which platoon will win the honor platoon award and be recognized on graduation day.

The honor platoon competition pits all six ANCOC student platoons against each other to build teamwork and camaraderie among members, the most important aspect of the overall competition. It consists of several physical and academic challenges.

During the litter carry race teams of Soldiers carry another Soldier on a litter approximately 50 meters before riders and runners rotate. During each segment of the litter carry, each Soldier will ride in the litter as well as run.

The pull ups and dips competition tests upper body strength.

The platoon exam score averages are also factors into the competition. Each platoon receives one extra point awarded for each 100 percent scored on the exam.

The platoon average from the ANCOC entrance Army Physical Fitness Test also allows groups to accumulate points.

During Ultimate Football competition Soldiers move the ball across the field by throwing the ball from player to player, rather than running down the field to score a touchdown as in traditional football. The game is similar to rugby, Wise explained.

Five extra points are awarded to the platoon that has their student selected as the Military Intelligence Corp Association Writer of the Cycle.

Five extra points are awarded to the platoon that has the student that wins the ANCOC Iron NCO Competition. This contest consists of weightlifting, track and field, a road march and swim.

It's still too early to tell, but one platoon will take overall honors to earn recognition and a recognition placard on the Platoon Competition Winners' Board in Ice Hall.

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Sgt. 1st Class Maureen Johnson low crawls under the barbed wire obstacle during the low crawl portion of the event.

(Below, from left) Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Tully and Sgt. 1st Class Donald Pezzatta during the obstacle course.



Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Karpinski makes his way across the rope bridge obstacle as his platoon cheers him on.



(Right) Sgt. 1st Class Roger Schweitzer (left) and Sgt. 1st Class Keith Rife, Jr. wait on the left side of the wall for fellow students after they have already gone over the obstacle.

Sgt. 1st Class Marshon Broomer sits on top of the wall to assist other students as they get near the top. Sgt. 1st Class Donald Pezzatta climbs the wall as Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Clyons stands below to give Pezzatta a boost.

(From left) Sgt. 1st Class Leonard Crichton, Sgt. 1st Class Ronnie Wallett, Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Clyons, Sgt. 1st Class Steven Burks, Sgt. 1st Class Donald Pezzatta and Sgt. 1st Class Keith Rife, Jr. pass over the low wall obstacle during the competition.



Obstacle competition

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ss Amanda Gosney, Sgt. 1st Class Brian Dettle, Sgt. 1st
1st Class Robert Gardner cross the horizontal ladder Aug.
competition.



Sgt. 1st Class Exabia Dukes
makes his way out of the
high crawl pipe obstacle.



Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Hull, ANCOG
instructor (on right) looks on to ensure
Soldiers safely accomplish the one
rope bridge.
Sgt. 1st Class Brian Dettle (on left) en-
courages fellow students,
Sgt. 1st Class Exabia Dukes who is just
about at the end of the obstacle course
as Sgt. 1st Class Richard Colon makes
his way across the obstacle
Sgt. 1st Class Roberto Santiago stabilizes
the rope and waits his turn to attempt the
obstacle.



(Foreground, from left) Sgt. 1st Class Reginald Cook, Sgt. 1st Class Renato Gabriel, Staff Sgt. Amy Kurtz,
Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone Wilson, Jr., Sgt. 1st Class Ronnie Wallett, Sgt. 1st Class Steven Burks), Sgt. 1st Class
Jeffrey Clyons, Sgt. 1st Class Donald Pezzatta and Sgt. 1st Class Keith Rife, Jr. tackle the low wall. Back-
ground, other Soldiers race the clock during the same event.



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Service News



Ultimate sacrifice in support of the Global War On Terrorism

Pfc. Colin Wolfe, 18, of Manassas, Va., died Aug. 30 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Cpl. Christopher Warndorf, 21, of Burlington, Ky., died Aug. 29 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Spc. Matthew Schneider, 23, of Gorham, N.H., died on Aug. 28, in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, from a non-combat related cause. Schneider was assigned to the 141st Signal Battalion, 1st Armored Division, Wiesbaden, Germany.

Lance Cpl. Donald Champlin, 28, of Natchi-

toches, La., died Aug. 28 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, from wounds received while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq, on Aug. 27. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Four Soldiers died in Taji, Iraq, on Aug 27, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their M2A3 Bradley Vehicle during combat operations. All Soldiers were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Killed were:

Sgt. Moises Jazmin, 25, of Providence, R.I.

Spc. Qixing Lee, 20, of Minneapolis, Minn.

Spc. Shaun Novak, 21, of Two Rivers, Wis.

Spc. Tristan Smith, 23, of Bryn Athyn, Pa.

Two Soldiers died during combat opera-

tions Aug. 27, in Baghdad, Iraq, when their M1126 Stryker Vehicle came in contact with enemy forces using an improvised explosive device and small arms fire. Both Soldiers were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash.

Killed were:

Spc. Kenneth Cross, 21, of Superior, Wis.

Pfc. Daniel Dolan, 19, of Roy, Utah.

Spc. Joshua Jones, 24, of Pomeroy, Ohio, died Aug 27, in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when his HMMWV came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire during combat operations. Jones was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Sgt. Darry Benson, 46, of Winterville, N.C., died on Aug. 27, in Camp Virginia, Kuwait, from

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a non-combat related cause. Benson was assigned the Army National Guard's 730th Quartermaster Battalion, Ahsoskie, N.C.

The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. David Almazan, 27, of Van Nuys, Calif., died on Aug. 27, in Hit, Iraq, of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations. Almazan was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany.

Spc. Seth Hildreth, 26, of Myrtle Beach, S.C., died on Aug. 27, in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations. Hildreth was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Hansen, 31, of Cairo, Neb., died on Aug. 27, in Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany, of injuries suffered on Aug. 21 from a vehicle accident in Balad, Iraq. Hansen was assigned to the Army National Guard 1st Squadron, 167th Cavalry Regiment, Lincoln, Neb.

Spc. Edgardo Zayas, 29, of Dorchester, Mass., died on Aug. 26, in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol during combat operations. Zayas was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Cpl. David Weimortz, 28, of Irmo, S.C. died Aug. 26 from injuries suffered while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Cpl. Jordan Pierson, 21, of Milford, Conn., died Aug. 25 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Plainville, Conn.

Pfc. William Thorne, 26, of Hospers, Iowa, died on Aug. 24, of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations. Thorne was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Staff Sgt. Gordon Solomon, 35, of Fairborn, Ohio, died Aug. 24 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Sgt. Jeremy King, 23, of Meridian, Idaho, died on Aug. 24, in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries sustained by enemy forces using small arms fire during combat operations. King was assigned to the 8th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Staff Sgt. Dwayne Williams, 28, of Baltimore, Md., died Aug. 24 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan.

Sgt. Marques Quick, 28, of Hoover Ala., died on Aug. 19, in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, of injuries suffered while conducting security and observation operations, when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using multiple grenades. Quick was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany

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Save by purchasing advance carnival tickets

The 2006 Fall Fun Festival will be held Sept. 15, 16 and 17 at Veterans Memorial Park, located off Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista. Festival hours will be 4 p.m. - midnight, Friday; noon - midnight, Saturday; and noon - 5 p.m., Sunday.

The festival is open to the public and there is no admission charge to enter the grounds or the entertainment events.

One of the Fun Festival's biggest attractions will be the popular City of Fun Carnival, with rides for all ages and thrill levels. Advance carnival tickets are on sale now at Murr Community Center, Desert Lanes, Jeannie's Diner, Eifler Fitness Center, New Beginnings Child Development Center and Sierra Vista Safeway.

Carnival tickets purchased in advance are sold at a savings of \$2 per ten tickets. Advance price is \$6 per sheet of 10. The price goes up to \$8 per sheet of 10 at the carnival. For more ticket information, call 533-2404.

The schedule for free live entertainment at the festival

will be as follows: 4 to 5 p.m., Sept. 15, the 36th Army Band; 8 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 15, Tucson band "The Year of Acceleration;" 3 to 5:30 p.m. Sept. 16, "Krysis;" 6 to 8:30 p.m., Sept. 16, "Trainwreck;" and 9 p.m. to midnight Sept. 16, "Jaded."

September 17 will be family day at the festival. The entertainment lineup, which is appropriate for all ages, will include: from noon to 3 p.m., Fort Huachuca Fire Department's smokehouse; at 1 p.m., karate demonstration; 2 p.m., Tae Kwon Do demonstration; 3 p.m., K-9 demonstration; and 3:45 p.m., B Troop 4th Cavalry (Memorial).

Throughout the festival, DJ Mad Dog will provide a variety of musical entertainment.

Many other activities will be available for those attending the festival including food, craft, art, commercial and novelty vendors.

Private organizations, food, craft and other vendors are encouraged to take part in the festival. Vendor applications are available now at Barnes Field House.



Courtesy photo

For more vendor information, call Susan Gasca at 678-4446 or Susan Keltner at 533-0351 or e-mail fallfest06sv@yahoo.com.

Another popular festival event will be the 5 kilometer Mutt March that will be held at 7 a.m., Sept. 16. Cost is \$5 for pet and human. Refreshments and a souvenir t-shirt will be included, while supplies last.

For more information about the Mutt March, call 538-0836.

Viking cheerleaders coming to Fort

The Army Air Force Exchange Service and MWR are bringing members of "Minnesota Vikings" Cheerleading Team to Fort Huachuca tomorrow and Saturday.

The public is invited to meet the cheerleaders at the following locations: tomorrow: from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre for the Military Idol competition; and from 7:30 - 10 p.m. at Desert Lanes for "Rock 'n' Bowl;"

Saturday: from 8 - 9 a.m., meet and greet with youth cheerleaders and football players at Bujalski Field; from 10 - 11 a.m., meet and greet with youth cheerleaders and football players at Geronimo Field; from 10 a.m. to noon, AAFES Pet Show; from 1 to 3 p.m., meet and greet at Main Post Exchange; and from 3:30 - 5 p.m., trail ride and barbecue at Buffalo Corral

For more information, call 538-0836.

Military Idol happens tomorrow

The first local round of the Military Idol Competition will be held at 6 p.m. tomorrow at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. The event is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

Army MWR, in the tradition of the "American Idol" television series, is sponsoring the competition.

Active duty military contestants are competing for cash prizes and for the title of "National Military Idol."

At the installation level, the following prizes will be awarded: 3rd place, \$100; 2nd place, \$250; and 1st place, \$500. The winner at each installation will be submitted for consideration on the national level.

The final local competition is scheduled for

Sept. 22 at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre.

Twelve national finalists will be chosen to compete at the National Military Idol Competition, to be held Oct. 28 - Nov. 6 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

At the national level, the following prizes will be awarded: 3rd place, \$500; 2nd place, \$1000; and 1st place, \$2000.

For more information, call TMAC at 533-3802.

Basic pistol course will be offered

The Sportsman's Center will offer a basic pistol course from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sept. 16 and 30.

The class will teach safe firearm handling, how to clean and store a firearm and shooting fundamentals.

Cost is \$12.50 per person and includes instruction, range fee and ear protection. Participants are encouraged to bring their own firearms. Ammunition is not included.

For more information, call 533-7085.

Soldier Show tickets available now

The 2006 US Army Soldier Show will unveil "Reveille: Answering the Call" at 7 p.m., Sept. 19, and at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sept. 20 at Buena Performing Arts Center, Sierra Vista.

The 22-Soldier troupe is in the second half of a six-month tour of about 100 performances on military installations across the United States, Italy and Germany. The European portion of the tour has been completed.

Rhythm and blues, gospel and country music will be featured, along with new renditions of tunes from the 60s, coupled with ballroom dancing aplenty.

Admission to the show is free, but patrons must have a ticket. Tickets are available now at Sierra Vista Safeway and Murr Community Center, Fort Huachuca.

For more information, call 533-2404.

Winter golf league coaches' meeting

The coaches' meeting for the 2006 winter golf program will be held at 10 a.m., Sept. 19, at Barnes Field House.

Any units interested participating should attend this meeting. Format of play and tee times will be decided.

This is a recreational program, open to all authorized MWR patrons.

For more information, call Michelle Kimsey at 533-3180 or e-mail michelle.kimsey@hua.army.mil.

Adult golf clinic, sale at pro shop

The Mountain View Golf Course will offer a four-session, adult golf clinic from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m., Sept. 19, 21, 26 and 28.

Cost of the clinic is \$60 per person and includes instruction, use of clubs and range balls.

MVGC will hold a year-end sale from Sept. 22 to 30. Selected golf shoes and gloves will be marked down 30 percent. Starter sets will be marked 15 percent off, and selected apparel will be priced up to 25 percent off. There will be an opportunity drawing for prizes. No purchase is necessary.

For two days, Sept. 29 and 30, all merchandise in the pro shop will be marked at least five percent off.

MVGC is located at Building 15479 and is accessible to everyone from Wilcox Avenue, off Buffalo Soldier Trail.

For more information, call 533-7088.



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The Scout Time Out

U.S. Army Soldier Show to unveil 'Reveille: Answering the Call'

By Tim Hipps

USACFSC Public Affairs

FORT BELVOIR, Va. – The 2006 U.S. Army Soldier Show will unveil "Reveille: Answering the Call" at Fort Huachuca on Sept. 19 and 20.

"The entire idea came from the new Army motto: Call to Duty," Soldier Show director Victor Hurtado said. "Answering loudly and clearly with reasons why Soldiers join the Army. For our civilian audience, it may illustrate why people join. For our military audience, it might remind them why – what their initial reasons were and why they continue to serve."

The bottom line, however, remains the same: "Entertainment for the Soldier, by the Soldier," the working motto of Army Entertainment Division.

"We have some really strong voices and really strong performers so you might see some flash and splash," Hurtado said. "But you might be surprised by how powerful the 'less is more' is in the show, as well. Expect to find moments."

The 22-Soldier troupe is in the second half of a six-month tour of about 100 performances on military installations across the United States, Italy and Germany. The European portion of the tour has been completed.

Hurtado credits Army Entertainment Division's 1st Sgt. Tarron Pierce for brainstorming the show's starting point of

reveille. He also relies on the creativity of 17 Soldier-performers and five technicians before weaving their artistic strengths into a military storyline.

"With a show like this, a lot of it has to say something, but not all of it has to say something because at the end of the day we also have to entertain," Hurtado said. "Not every scene is going to start with the story of a Soldier. Sections of the show are just about new music or having a good time or just about fun."

Hurtado is reluctant to reveal the complete storyline.

"So much of what the show is [about] will be illustrated at the beginning, but I really don't want to give it away," he said. "The show itself will fortify those bits and pieces."

Rhythm and blues, gospel and country music will be featured, along with new renditions of tunes released since the 1960s, coupled with ballroom dancing aplenty.

"I'm looking for our staff to come up

with some original lyrical content that will say exactly what we want to say," Hurtado said. "We are an eclectic reflection of what comes to us at the moment. We're not married to anything."

Thirty to 40 songs were being considered a month before the opening show. The list of songs and scenes may not be finalized until opening night, Hurtado said.

Eight veterans of the Army's Margaret "Skipper" Lynn Stars of Tomorrow Talent Contest and/or Military Idol are among the cast and crew that ranges in rank from private first class to captain.

Spc. Richard Sianoya of Fort Irwin, Calif., finished runner-up in the inaugural Military Idol competition. Spc. Serri Sheridan of Fort Polk, La., was best-of-show runner-up in the 2006 Stars of Tomorrow Contest and participated in Military Idol. First Lt. Sonya Moore of the California Army National Guard participated in both programs.

Sgt. Geno Nash of Fort Hood, Texas, and Spc. Adel Nammour of Yongsan, Korea, also competed in Stars of Tomorrow, along with Pfc. Jong Baek Yoon, a Korean augmentation to the U.S. Army. KATUSA Soldiers are fully integrated into a U.S. Army unit and live, work and train with their American comrades.

"I just wanted the guy to come and represent his unit but it's turned into representing his entire country, the Republic of Korea," Hurtado said.

Yoon already has performed at the Korean Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Other Military Idol contestants include Staff Sgt. Deneen Murray of Camp Humphries, Korea, and Spc. Lucky Tagaloa of Fort Hood.

Hurtado spotted Hawaii Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Samuel Hesch during auditions for "Miss Saigon" and noted that he bypassed a role in "Cats" to perform in the Soldier Show. Spc. Elisabeth Graham of Fort Jackson, S.C., is a violinist, and Spc. Nina Kazibwe, stationed in Kitzingen, Germany, is a pianist.

First Lt. Alisha Vaughn of Fort Stewart, Ga.; and Spcs. Maceo Keeling of Fort Lee, Va.; John Morris of Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; Alisha Osborne of the New York Army Reserves; Jessica Solorio of Wuerzburg, Germany; and Benjamin Piel of Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz., complete the list of performers.

Sgt. Kristen Austin of Fort Bliss, Texas, is the wardrobe technician. Capt. Christine Lancia of Fort Polk, La., serves as assistant stage manager. Sgt. Jemel Washington of Fort Lewis, Wash., handles video and audio. Spc. Daniel Murray of Fort Hood is an audio specialist. Spc. Bradford Cassels of Fort Bragg, N.C., mans the lights.

For the sixth consecutive year, the Army National Guard is the primary sponsor and partner of the U.S. Army Soldier Show, one of more than 50 programs provided to Soldiers and their families by the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center. AT&T returns as a corporate sponsor for the third straight year.

Sgt. Irving Berlin wrote the first U.S. Army Soldier Show while on active duty at Camp Upton in Long Island, N.Y. "Yip Yip Yaphank" debuted on Broadway in 1918. During World War II, Berlin created another Soldier Show for Broadway: "This is the Army," which inspired a 1943 movie starring Ronald Reagan.



Photo by Ralph Nordenhold, USACFSC Strategic Planning

(Above) Spc. Lucky Tagaloa (center) of Fort Hood, Texas, is accompanied by four members of the cast on opening night of the 2006 U.S. Army Soldier Show at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Photo by Tim Hipps, USACFSC Public Affairs

(Left) Spc. Elisabeth Graham of Fort Jackson, S.C., plays the violin during the U.S. Army Soldier Show's performance of "Breakaway" by Kelly Clarkson.



Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools Panther Band takes hands-on approach to learning music, humanities

Story and photos by Rob Martinez
Scout Staff

By 7:30 in the morning, when most students are still getting ready to go to school, members of the Panther Band, comprised of musicians from fifth through eighth grades, are already practicing at Col. Smith Middle School for their next performance.

The Panther Band has just finished their Summer Band Camp, which started on July 17th and culminated with a concert on Aug. 2. They also helped open the new Gen. Myer School with a performance at the dedication ceremony.

According to Band Director Daniel Howdeshell, who's been directing all Fort Huachuca Accommodation schools band members for 31 years, working with

children is exciting because they grow, physically and mentally, more quickly than at any other time in their lives. "They are never boring and offer me a new challenge on a daily basis. As a teacher, I have never said, 'I'm bored.' It is the best job in the world."

Both the Beginning Band and the Panther Band are open to all students in fourth through eighth grade who attend the Fort's Schools. The Advanced Band is available to fifth through eighth graders who have had at least one year of instrumental music experience. New students must audition to place in this band.

Seventh-grade student Nydia Ramirez was so impressed after seeing the Panther band perform that she joined up. "It's fun. I like being in the band. They played wonderful; I wanted to be a part of it," she said. This is Ramirez' third year playing the flute.

Howdeshell decided to teach music when he was attending Arizona State University as a music major, where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Education in 1976. Howdeshell explained that children should join the band because of its hands-on approach to learning music and the humanities. "Learning to play an instrument enhances the overall education gained by a student in their lifetime," he said. "It also will see them throughout their school career as a positive place to meet other students and to work with others toward a collective goal."

"It's just fun trying to learn to play an instrument," said Matt Mongee whose part of a family line of percussionists; his father played the snare drum in his high school band. "Join. Just join," Mongee said.



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(Right) Members of the Panther Band, comprised of musicians from fifth through eighth grade, practice at Smith Middle School.



Fort civilian excels at long distance swim

Story by Thom Williams

Scout Staff

A Department of the Army civilian who works in Greely Hall swam from Catalina Island to the California mainland, a distance of 20.14 mile on Aug. 17 and turned in the fourth fastest female and seventh fastest overall crossing time in the history of the Catalina Channel swim.

Anna DeLozier, 43, a contract specialist, Information Technology, E-Commerce, and Commercial Contracting Center-West, swam the Catalina Channel in 8:35:44.

The swim is a mile longer than the famed English Channel swim from France to England.

DeLozier's longest previous open water swim was 12 miles in 2004, on a lake in Alabama.

According to records kept by the Catalina Channel Swimming Federation, as of October 2005 only 120 swimmers had made successful crossings. The first was in 1927.

DeLozier, a native of San Pedro, Calif. hired the 63-foot Bottom Scratcher, a dive boat, to escort her across the channel.

The swimmer and her support team, made up of family and friends, boarded the escort boat in Long Beach, Calif. at 8 p.m. on Aug. 16 and made the crossing to Catalina Island.

The boat anchored in Doctor's Cove, 100 yards off shore.

DeLozier got into the 70-degree water at 12:30 a.m., swam to shore, then turned around and entered the Catalina Channel to begin her attempt.

The swim begins at night because the wind dies down and makes for calm seas.

In order to attempt the swim, DeLozier had to sign a waiver that released the Catalina

Channel Swimming Federation of liability if an accident occurred.

The waiver warned of weather conditions that could occur in the channel to include: gale force winds; dense fog; strong currents; pounding surf; and the presence of marine creatures such as sharks.

The waiver also warned that her course would take her through a major maritime shipping channel that is plied day and night by numerous commercial vessels of great speed and size coming and going from the Port of Long Beach, Calif.

The Federation literature also advises swimmers who are going to attempt the crossing that the best time of year to do it is in June through October when the water temperature ranges from 65 to 70 degrees.

An official from the federation was on the boat to observe and authenticate the crossing.

The representative also counted DeLozier's swimming strokes once an hour to determine how she was doing in the water.

If her stroke count changed drastically it could have been a sign that she was in trouble.

"What I had to do was swim a little bit faster so I wouldn't get cold but then I would get tired and slow down and get cold so it's just kind of a "Catch 22," DeLozier said.

She said that the cold water is what causes most people to fail in their attempt to cross the channel and knows of a swimmer who was pulled out of the water 400 meters from the finish because he became hypothermic and was actually unconscious.

"I had very calm seas and warm water," DeLozier said. "You just have to pick a day and hope for the best but you have to train for bad conditions so you try and get used to colder water."

To make it an officially recognized crossing, swimmers must wear a porous swim suit and are allowed to wear a swim cap and goggles. Neoprene wetsuits or caps that help the body retain heat are not allowed.

Swimmers are allowed to apply

grease to their bodies to provide insulation from the cold water and to hold on to body heat.

The boat captain was Greg Elliot, a retired U.S. Marine who did the navigating and ensured DeLozier swam the shortest route possible, compensating for winds and currents in the channel.

Elliot also played the bagpipes to motivate the swimmers, and take their minds off the cold and fatigue that sets in.

She swam between the boat and a kayaker and used the Australian crawl or the freestyle stroke during the crossing, which she says is the quickest and most efficient stroke for long distance swimming.

During her crossing DeLozier said she could see dolphins swimming underneath and went through a cluster of jellyfish but luckily, she did not get stung.

During her eight-plus-hour stint in the water, DeLozier said she thought about the mechanics of her stroke and being efficient and not wasting any energy.

She turned over on her back every 25 minutes to feed on six to eight ounces of a calorie and protein-laden liquid for energy and to keep her body hydrated.

"You don't want to stop a long time because it's cold water, and the longer you stop, the colder you are going to get, so my feedings ranged from 10 seconds to about 25 seconds at the most," DeLozier said.

She said that her crew got upset with her at one point because after a feeding she accidentally swam in front of the escort boat and the kayaker had to guide her back on course.

DeLozier decided in January 2006 that swimming the Catalina Channel was her goal and that's when she hired the escort boat.

To prepare for the crossing attempt, DeLozier swam up to 30 miles a week.

She did most of her training for the attempt at the Barnes Field House swimming pool on Fort Huachuca. A lifeguard from the pool, Luke Collins, was a member of her support crew.

DeLozier also traveled to Los Angeles a number of times to train in the cold Pacific Ocean.

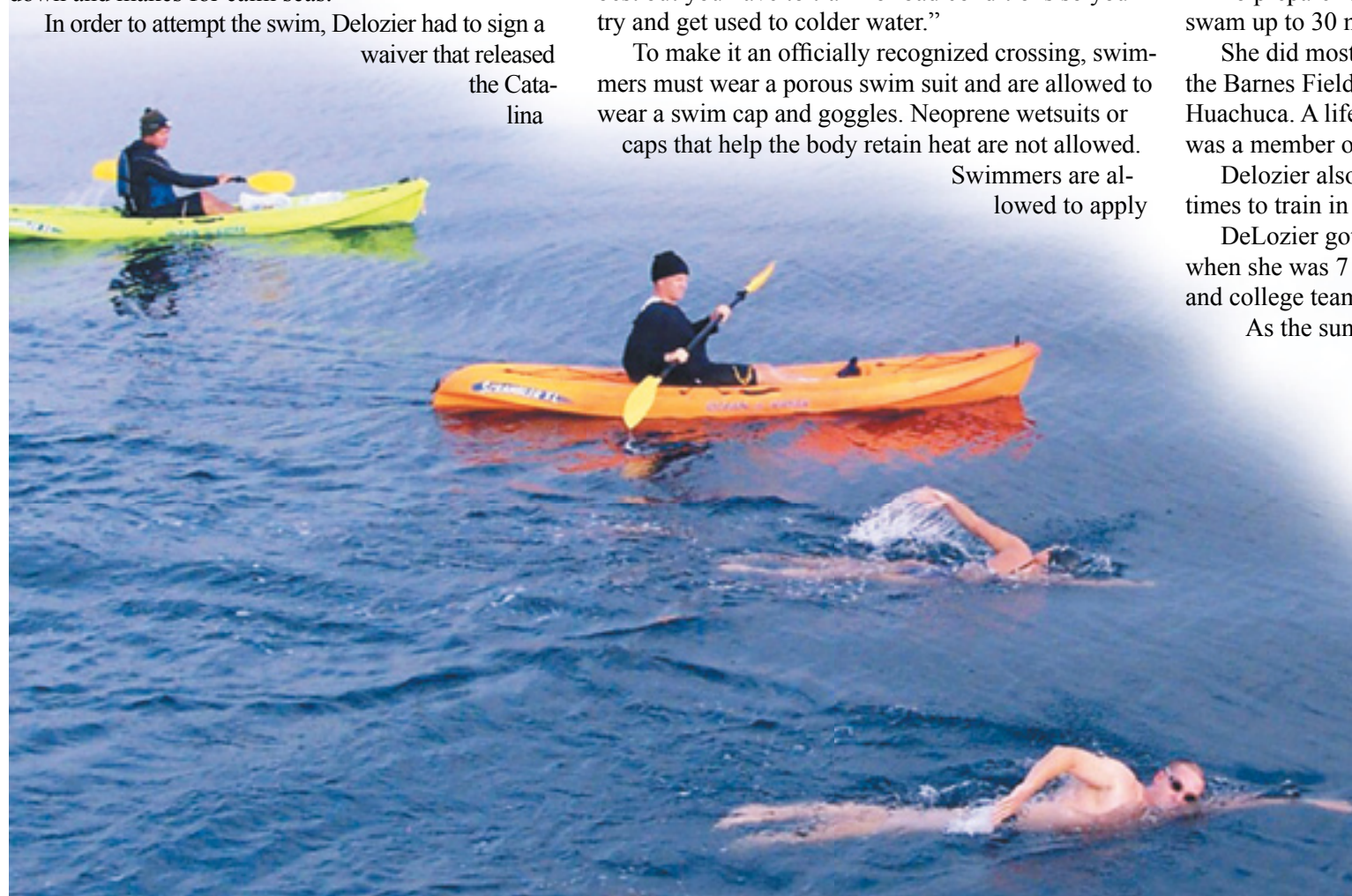
DeLozier got involved in competitive swimming when she was 7 years old and swam on high school and college teams.

As the sun began to rise on eastern horizon and

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Photo by Andrew DeLozier

Anna DeLozier, 43, closest to the kayaks, and escort swimmer Frank Bird swim in the Catalina Channel near Long Beach, Calif. DeLozier turned in the fourth fastest female and seventh fastest overall crossing time in the history of the



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American Museum of Natural History

At 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, join Dawn Wilson, director of the Museum's Southwest Research Station in Portal, at the Carr House. She will explain what the New York based museum is doing in an Arizona Sky Island mountain range.

Carr House is located about 2.25 miles up Carr Canyon Road, off Highway 92 adjacent to the Mesquite Tree parking lot. Turn right (west) and follow the road into the Huachuca Mountains. Bear left into the road fork into the parking lot.

'Revive Your Resume' class offered

Army Community Service will offer the "Revive Your Resumé" class, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the ACS Building 50010.

This class provides hands-on instruction in writing a traditional, internet and Resumix version of a resumé. This class is open to the public.

Pre-register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Reunion Workshop provided

Army Community Service offers reunion workshops for Soldiers and family members who have been geographically separated due to the military mission. These workshops provide the opportunity to discuss some of the emotional aspects of reuniting with a family member.

The next workshops will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at the ACS Building 50010.

Please register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Community Spouses' Club luncheon

Join Fort Huachuca Community Spouses' Club on Sept. 20 for the monthly luncheon at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center. Social hour begins at 10:30 a.m. and lunch is served at 11:30 a.m., at a cost of \$11. The guest speaker is Michael Strait, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity.

The "We Care" project for September is the 86th Signal Battalion's Yellow Ribbon Room, which will provide an atmosphere for fun and support for the family members while their Soldiers are deployed. Donations of the following are welcomed: DVDs or VHS tapes (new or used), sanitizers, changing pads, puzzles, crayons, coloring books, construction paper, glue sticks, safety scissors, story books, toys, boardgames, playing cards. and furniture. Please bring any donations to the luncheon.

Reservations are required. Contact Leslie Torres at 439-9163 or leslietorres@cox.net by noon, Sept. 15. Child care is available on first-come, first-served basis.

Chiricahua Apache remembered

Join the Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society on Saturday for the 120th year commemoration of the final surrender of the Chiricahua Apache.

Historians and members of the Chiricahua Nation will give presentations and demonstrations from 9 a.m. to noon at the Bowie School Campus, Bowie, Ariz..

The Chiricahua Regional Museum & Research Center, 127 Maley, in Willcox, Ariz., will host an open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring the Chiricahua Apache Exhibit.

Apache history presentations by Becky Orozco, director of Cochise College Center for Southwest Studies, will start at 2 p.m. at the Amerind Foundation, Exit 318 on I-10 between Willcox and Benson, Ariz.

For information, call Kathy Klump at 520-384-3397.

Bisbee Community Chorus serves pie

The Bisbee Community Chorus opens its 19th season with a Pie Social and the variety show, "Bisbee Does Broadway."

The show is directed by Alicia Caron, Bisbee Middle School music teacher, and accompanied by pianist Carol Park.

Pie is served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Bisbee Community YMCA, 26 Howell Street. Shows start at 7 p.m. next door at the Covenant Presbyterian Church Annex,

Sept. 22 - 23. A matinee is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sept. 24 with pie served from 1:20-2:30 pm.

Tickets are \$12.50 in advance, \$15 at the door, and are available from any chorus member, and in Bisbee at Atalanta's Music & Books, Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum, Bisbee Visitor Center, Bisbee Chamber of Commerce and Bisbee Office Supply.

For information contact Ruth Dugie at 432-3523 or bisbeechorus@cableone.net.

Auditions for Nutcracker planned

Local children can audition for Moscow Ballet's "Great Russian Nutcracker performance." Children 6 to young teens can audition for roles as party guests, mice, angels, little snow flakes, butterflies and in act II, as little pages and junior corps de ballet in Russian, Arabian, French, Chinese and Spanish divertissements. Children can pre-register on-line at www.nutcracker.com.

Russian soloist Boris Baskakov will conduct the audition at 5:30 pm, Sept. 12. at the University of Arizona South observatory classroom.

Children, bring tights, leotards, ballet slippers & pointe shoes if on pointe.

Moscow Ballet will present its "Great Russian Nutcracker" at Buena Performing Arts Center on Nov. 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.nutcracker.com.

For more information, contact Beth Murdock at 413-499-1733, Fax 413-499-3820 or beth@nutcracker.com.

Fort plans POW/MIA walkathon

The annual, two-mile Fort Huachuca POW/MIA walkathon to remember prisoners of war and those missing in action takes place at 6 a.m. Sept. 15 beginning at Chaffee Parade Field. The public is invited to participate. No individual support teams or vehicles will be allowed on the route. Motorists should expect disruptions in traffic flow during the walkathon.

For information, call John Floyd at 533-2293.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

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Today -7 p.m.
Lady in the Water
PG-13
Friday -7 p.m.
Ant Bully
PG
Saturday -7 p.m.
Miami Vice
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Sunday -2 p.m.
Ant Bully
PG
Monday - Wednesday
Closed

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Where's Wettie?

Wettie is at the Huachuca Canyon streambed crossing on Burt Road leading into Bonnie Blink Housing.

Wettie is always happy to see water flowing in the streams on Fort

Huachuca. This water helps replenish the Upper San Pedro Aquifer through ground infiltration. It also helps maintain the stream flow in the San Pedro River.

Wettie reminds everyone to not drive across creeks flooded by monsoon rains, as it can be very dangerous. Use an alternate safe route or wait until the water is gone.

Congratulations to **1st Sgt. Eric M. Schmitz, Company B, 305th MI Bn.** who correctly identified Wettie's location.

This contest is sponsored by the Fort Huachuca Water Wise and Energy Smart program and The Fort Huachuca Scout.





Photo by Andrew DeLozier

Greg Elliot, captain of the Bottom Scratcher and a retired U.S. Marine, plays the bagpipes to motivate channel swimmers to take their minds off and ignore cold and fatigue as they approach the end of the Catalina Channel swim.

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she closed in on the California mainland, DeLozier was joined in the water by an escort swimmer, Frank Bird, who is a Los Angeles County Lifeguard.

“He was only planning to swim with me for about one mile, but I was getting tired and asked him to keep swimming with me,” she said “His presence boosted my spirits and allowed me to focus on and follow him, taking my mind off of how tired I was.”

As DeLozier approached the mainland near Point Vicente on the Palos Verdes Peninsula which is mainly cliffs and rocky shoreline near Long Beach, Calif., her support crew scouted out a place for her to come ashore.

“It was rocky so I climbed out on all fours until I was on dry rock,” she said. “Once I heard that I was officially done, I was elated and relieved and looked forward to an easy swim back to the Bottom Scratcher for a shower and warm clothes.”

DeLozier said the largest cost of a sport such as long distance swimming is the time she puts in training.

Monetarily, she had to hire the escort boat which cost about \$1,500. Her crew was made up of volunteers and all she had to do was feed them.

As for future goals, she said that she’s always dreamed of swimming across the English Channel but right now she content to rest on her laurels.

“I’ve biked a marathon, swam a marathon, so maybe next I will run a marathon,” she said with a big grin.

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